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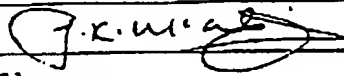
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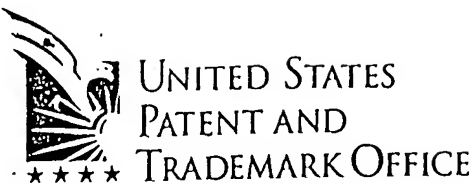
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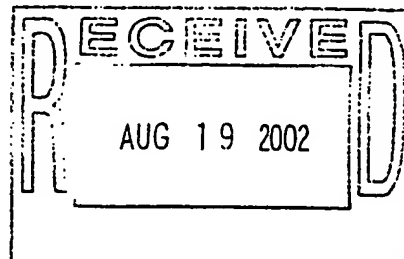
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*Whereas, I, the above-identified Inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:*

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*(hereinafter referred to as "Invention") for which I am making application for Letters Patent in the United States of America;*

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